No Violations Found in Probe Of Dove Group

Washington — (AP) — The Justice Department has told Sen. Barry Goldwater it found no wrongdoing on the part of antiwar senators who raised nearly $500,000 to rally public support for legislation designed to end U.S. participation in the Indochina war.

In a letter to the Arizona Republican, Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, who was Goldwater's presidential campaign manager in 1964, said the department was "unable to make a determination" that federal laws were violated in raising and spending the money.

Goldwater had asked for a legal opinion on whether the fund-raising activities of the Committee To End The War had violated conflict of interest laws or tax laws or should register as a lobbying group.

A Justice Department spokesman read excerpts of the letter to a reporter but refused to release the full text. He said Kleindienst's statement did not necessarily mean the investigation was closed.

The Committee To End The War, a coalition of senators and others in the antiwar movement, sponsored a televised appeal last May for money to push the so-called McGovern-Hatfield "amendment to end the war." The committee urged citizens to voice their support for the amendment by writing to their senators and congressmen.

The amendment requiring withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Vietnam by the end of 1971 was defeated Tuesday in the Senate. Senator George S. McGovern (D-SD), who along with Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Ore), was the amendment's principal sponsor, placed a statement in Aug. 11 issue of the Congressional Record showing that the appeal had raised $492,000. By that date, McGovern said, the committee had spent $280,000 on television, radio and newspaper advertising.

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